

Q C W A Hotline Report



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THE QCWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET MARCH 15/16, 1985, AT DALLAS, TX CONDUCTING A GREAT DEAL OF QCWA BUSINESS MATTERS. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE BOARD ACTIONS:

- (1) The By-Laws have been modified regarding membership and this will now be implemented. We will have two classes of membership. Those who have U.S. Zip-codes and those who do not. The latter will be called International.
- (2) John Swafford, W4HU, has been elected Chm of the Nominating Committee. His Committee will be Al Smith, WØPEX; Ken Rowe, K9PZD; and Beuhla Barrick, W6NLM.
- (3) The 1985 election ballots will be handled in the same manner as last year, using postage paid ballots
- (4) The Directory will be published and mailed to all Full Members & subscribers
- (5) Officers & Directors will take office September 1, following their election.
- (6) At the annual meeting, the Board will conduct an open forum during the Board meeting period. In the past this has been held at the end of the meeting.
- (7) Membership continues to interest the Board and with the new Chapter Report form the Board is obtaining a great deal of information which will help in improving the Chapters and increasing membership. A Committee is examining these reports and will report on the results to the Chapters.
- (8) The Board voted to award the Roll of Honor to Bud Waite, W2ZK, posthumously.
- (9) A number of actions involving filing before the FCC were adopted. The reduced code speed proposal has been held in abeyance. We will file concerning the 160 meter band, and also in support of a petition asking the FCC to reconsider its decision involving interpretation of the rules for examination. There is another petition requesting a change in Cable TV standards and the QCWA will file regarding this matter.
- (10) A computer system is being contemplated for HQ to speed up processing of records and to allow, in the future, communication between Chapters and HQ. Our present system is becoming quite a problem
- (11) A new plastic Life Member identification card is being produced and will be mailed to all Life Members in the near future.
- (12) The 1985 Convention has been moved to Winston-Salem, NC, and is to be held September 26-29, 1985.
- (13) The Memorial Scholarship fund is growing slowly and we hope to reach \$50,000 mark this year. Seven Scholarships will be awarded in 1985
- (14) Two new Chapters were chartered, Royal Palm, #152 and Crater Lake Chapter #153.
- (15) An open QSO party will be held this fall in which we will be able to contact potential members of QCWA and invite them to become members.
- (16) A Chapter handbook was produced and a Convention booklet was developed. Both have been mailed to all Chapters for their use.

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- (17) Advertising in other amateur publications will be examined looking toward exposing QCWA image in as many as possible.

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COMMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE NEWLY DETERMINED MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF CANADIAN MEMBERS OF QCWA. The Board has taken action which will become binding 60 days following publication of the amended by-laws in QCWA NEWS (expected to be approximately May 15, 1985). At that time Canadian and Mexican members of QCWA will be classified as "INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS".....International members have a much lower dues structure than Domestic members - brought about by the fact that International Members do not receive QCWA Publications. Such publications can be obtained by International Members by ordering and paying for the service. Such mail fees are collected for a three-year term, in advance and include postage and mailing fees anticipated for that period the fees may be changed from time to time in response to postage costs, etc.

Note that the Board also made possible an option for Canadian and Mexican members of QCWA....i.e., any Canadian or Mexican member may, up until the effective date of "International Classification" either renew, become a member, or a life member, at regular in force now domestic fees. Such contracts will be honored for their specified period of time, including Life Memberships. This is the case with all existing Canadian memberships. Publications, etc., will be continued until their existing term ends. At the date of "International Classification" this option will cease!

Minutes of the QCWA Board of Directors meeting require nearly 8 pages. A copy may be obtained from HQ by interested people upon making request accompanied by an SASE (39¢ postage).

QCWA BALLOTS IN THE 1985 ELECTION WILL BE MAILED APPROXIMATELY MAY 15, 1985. THEY WILL BE POSTAGE PAID FOR RETURN TO THE TELLERS. WE WISH TO REMIND YOU TO HOLD ON TO YOUR SPRING QCWA NEWS...IT HAS INFORMATION ON THE CANDIDATES WHICH WILL NOT BE REPEATED IN THE BALLOT MAILING ... IN SIMILAR FASHION, WE WANT TO REQUEST YOU TO FILL OUT AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, THAT WAY IT WON'T GET LOST AND YOU WON'T FORGET IT.

THE 1986 QCWA ELECTION WILL FEATURE ELECTION OF FIVE DIRECTORS ONLY. CHAPTERS ARE URGED TO NOMINATE THROUGH THE COMMITTEE (W4HU, WØPEX, W6NLM)....and SHOULD THAT NOT WORK, THEN NOMINATE BY PETITION. THINK ABOUT IT AND OFFER YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR GOOD DIRECTORS TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION....

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THE QCWA MEMBER DIRECTORY IS AT THE PRINT-SHOP. WE ARE HOPING THAT IT CAN BE PRINTED AND MAILED DURING APRIL, 1985. AT THE TIME IT WAS FINISHED, 9988 MEMBERS WERE ACTIVE IN QCWA (dues paid). THE DIRECTORY IS PRINTED IN A NEW FORMAT, EASIER TO READ, WE HOPE. IT TOOK 160 PAGES TO DO THE JOB (A PRINTING OF THE QCWA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ARE INCLUDED). WHEN COMPLETED, WE WILL HAVE PRINTED 1,740,000 PAGES, NOT INCLUDING COVERS, AND THE WEIGHT WILL BE IN EXCESS OF 5 TONS.

HEADQUARTERS HAS PUBLISHED A NEW CHAPTER DIRECTORY - IT LISTS THE NAME OF EACH CHAPTER, ITS NUMBER AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF ITS SECRETARY, ARRANGED ALPHA BY STATE FOR EASY REFERENCE. A COPY OF THIS IS AVAILABLE FOR THE ASKING, AND A COPY IS SENT TO EACH NEW MEMBER OF QCWA TO HELP THEM LOCATE THE CHAPTER NEAREST TO THEM.

GIFTS TO QCWA MAY NOW BE MADE, TAX EXEMPT, FOR EITHER THE QCWA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT OR FOR THE NEW QCWA BUILDING FUND. THE BUILDING FUND, ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD AT ITS SEPTEMBER, 1984 MEETING, PROVIDES A WAY FOR MEMBERS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WILL BE ESCROWED, WITH INTEREST ACCUMULATING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FUND BECOMES LARGE ENOUGH AND THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR QCWA TO CONTEMPLATE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT BUSINESS HOME. THE QCWA MEMORIAL FUND, ESTABLISHED IN JULY, 1977, IS NOW PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WORTHY STUDENTS WHO ARE AMATEURS, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. SEE THE SPRING QCWA NEWS FOR THE WAY TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR SUCH SHOLARSHIPS.

WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE SUMMER QCWA NEWS OF THE QCWA "INVITATIONAL QSO PARTY" IN WHICH MEMBERS WILL BE URGED TO CONTACT NON-MEMBERS IN AN EFFORT TO INTRODUCE THEM TO QCWA! IT SHOULD BE FUNDED AND DO A LOT OF GOOD AT THE SAME TIME.

THE BOARD HAS AUTHORIZED LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARDS WHICH WILL SERVE TO REPLACE TO PAPER CARDS. THE PAPER SIMPLY WOULD NOT HOLD UP IN BILL-FOLD USAGE FOR A LIFE MEMBER. THE NEW CARDS WILL SHOW THE MEMBERS NAME, CALL, MEMBERSHIP NUMBER AND FIRST LICENSE. THEY WILL

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BE SENT TO ALL LIFE MEMBERS, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CHARGE.

THE MOST RECENT MEMBER TO BE ENROLLED IN QCWA IS:

William A. Schueller, W4LVP #18,596
Johnson City, Tennessee

William is a Physician, a Life Member of QCWA and ARRL and has the hobby of hiking. Welcome, William, to QCWA!

The QCWA HOTLINE REPORT MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST AND A FEE OF \$6 PER YEAR TO COVER MAILING AND PUBLISHING COSTS...CONTACT QCWA, 1409 Cooper Drive, Irving, TX 75061-5527, if interested.



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